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# To the Bideford Town Council

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MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting herewith my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1945.

I am pleased to state the district continues to hold its own as a Health Resort as will be seen from the General Statistics given in the several Tables.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

ELLIS PEARSON.

*July, 1946*

## ANNUAL REPORT.

### General Statistics.

Area (Statute Acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,068
Population (1931) Census	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,744
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population, 1944	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,000
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,871
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£64,817
Sum represented by a penny Rate (approximate)	...	...	...	...	...	...	£259

### Vital Statistics.

Live Births	{ Legitimate—Males 59 Females 64 }	153
	{ Illegitimate—Males 12 Females 18 }	
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		15.3
Still Births	{ Legitimate—Males 2 Females 4 }	6
	{ Illegitimate—Males 0 Females 0 }	
Still Births, Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		37.73
Deaths—Males 73, Females 81.		154
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		15.4
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	{ Puerperal Sepsis Other Puerperal Causes }	1 —
Deaths from Puerperal Causes, Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		6.28
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—		
All Infants per 1,000 live births (11 deaths)		71.89
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		66.66
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		—
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		21
,,   ,, Measles (all ages)		—
,,   ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)		—
,,   ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		1

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Diphtheria Immunisation was started in the Borough on January 13th, 1941, when some 2,498 resident and evacuee children were immunised, and was continued during 1942.

During the Years 1943 and 1944 immunisation was carried out regularly and the returns for those years show that 72% of children under 5 years of age and 90% of children between 5 and 15 years were immunised.

During the year 1945, 100 children under 5 years of age were immunised and 19 between the ages of 5 and 15 Years. This gives a percentage of 67%.

### CLEANSING CENTRE.

A Cleansing Centre for the treatment of Scabies was opened on January 26th, 1942, and a State Registered Nurse was engaged to attend and the following number of cases were treated :—

January 26th to December 31st, 1942 .....	153
January 1st to December 31st, 1943 .....	183
January 1st to December 31st, 1944 .....	187
January 1st to December 31st, 1945 .....	97

### Legislation in Force.

#### ADOPTIVE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 ...	15th June, 1893
Private Street Works Act, 1892 ... ..	

#### Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 :—

Parts 2 (except Sec. 29), Parts 3, 4 and 6	
Parts 7 (except Secs. 82, 84, 85 and 86).	
Parts 8, 9 and Part 10 (except Sec. 94)	
Parts 8, 9 and Part 10 (except Sec. 94) ...	April, 1909

Public Health Act, 1925, Part 5 ... ..	26th January, 1926
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#### Section 1 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

applied to Sheep, Ewes, Wethers, Rams and Lambs (as regards old area) ... ..	1st February, 1943
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Ditto (as regards Borough as extended) ...	1st July, 1935
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**Byelaws.**

With respect to markets ... ..	16th February, 1882
With respect to the Driving of Cattle ...	5th March, 1888
With respect to the Obstruction of Foot Passengers ... ..	8th August, 1892
For the Navigation of the River Torridge within the Harbour of Bideford ... ..	4th July, 1894
With respect to the Lighting of Vehicles ...	11th November, 1899
With respect to the disturbance of persons assembled in public buildings, shooting galleries, round-a-bouts, etc., street music and bad language ... ..	25th June, 1900
Prohibiting Spitting in Public Places ... ..	31st January, 1911
With respect to the Victoria Park Pleasure Ground ... ..	18th January, 1913
With respect to Hackney Carriages ... ..	4th August, 1932
With respect to New Streets & Buildings ...	10th July, 1928
With respect to the Management of the Public Cemetery ... ..	18th August, 1930
Regulating the use of Motor Boats within the Harbour ... ..	17th August, 1931
With respect to the Public Slaughterhouse ...	15th March, 1932
Relating to Violent Behaviour on Elementary School Premises ... ..	20th February, 1933
With respect to the Fouling of Footpaths by Dogs ... ..	17th August, 1935
For the Regulation of Advertisements ...	3rd December, 1936
With respect to the Decent Conduct of Persons using Public Sanitary Conveniences ... ..	1st April, 1937
With respect to :—	
(1) Nuisances contrary to Public Decency	
(2) Deposit of Litter to the Detriment of Public Amenities ... ..	
(3) Wireless, Loudspeakers, Gramophones, etc. ... ..	1st February, 1937

**Regulations.**

With respect to the supply of Water ...	1893
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**TABLE I.**  
**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES**

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED													TOTAL DEATHS									Cases admitted to Hospital
	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over	Total	Under 1 Year	1 and under 2 Years	2 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and over	Total	
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	16	2	1	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
Pneumonia	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	2	1	—	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	3	3	1	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	7	20	31	34	42	170	33	7	—	2	—	—	346	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peurperal pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—



TABLE II.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1945 AND PREVIOUS 5 YEARS

Years	Estimated population for Year	Births.		Nett Deaths belonging to the District.		Nett Deaths belonging to the District			
		Nett		Nett Deaths belonging to the District.		Under 1 year of age		At all Ages	
		Number	Rate per 1000	Number	Rate per 1000 population	Number	Rate per 1000 births	Number	Rate per 1000 population
1940	10490	128	12.24	184	17.54	4	31.25	184	17.54
1941	12580	131	10.41	178	14.14	7	48.96	178	14.14
1942	12580	153	12.95	142	11.28	6	39.21	142	11.28
1943	10300	153	14.85	140	13.59	7	45.75	140	13.59
1944	10440	178	17.04	174	16.66	13	73.03	174	16.66
1945	10000	153	15.3	154	15.4	11	71.89	154	15.4



Nett deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring within or without the District.																											
All Ages		Under 1 year		1 and under 2 years		2 and under 5 years		5 and under 15 years		15 and under 25 years		25 and under 35 years		35 and under 45 years		45 and under 55		55 and under 65 years		65 and under 75 years		75 and under 85 years		85 and under 95 years		95 and over.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Diphtheria	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic Diseases	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer of Stomach	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	1	—	2	—	—
Cancer of Breast	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer, all other sites	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	1	2	—	1	—	—
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	2	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	1	1	4	—	3	—	—
Heart Disease	28	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	7	2	7	10	8	14	4	6	—	1
Other diseases of Circulatory System	1	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Appendicitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nephritis	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Sepsis	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Premature Birth	2	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformation	2	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Road Traffic Accidents	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Violent Causes	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
All other causes	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	3	2	—	1	—	—
73	81	8	3	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	1	1	—	3	2	6	9	15	6	16	18	18	26	4	13	—	1





**TABLE IV.—OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.**

CASES.			Vision not Impaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
Notified	Treated					
	At home	In hospital				
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

**TABLE V.—TUBERCULOSIS.**

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES.						DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
20—25	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
35—45	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	1	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	3	8	—	1	—	—	4	4	1	—



TABLE VI.

## INFANT MORTALITY.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
Congenital Malformation	2	1	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	4
Premature Birth	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Pneumonia	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2
Diarrhoea	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Other Violent Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
TOTALS	5	1	1	2	9	1	1	—	—	11

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting to you my twenty first Annual Report, which deals with the work carried out during the year ended December 31st, 1945.

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### Sanitation.

The Tabulated Summary shows the work that has been carried out under the Public Health Acts, and the Housing Acts, 1925, 1930, 1935, and 1936.

Number of Houses Inspected ... ..	144
Number of Notices served under Public Health Acts	19
Number of Preliminary Notices under Housing Acts	9
Number of Notices served under Section 19 Housing Act, 1930, of time and place at which question of making a Demolition Order would be considered ...	Nil
Number of Demolition Orders made under Section 19 Housing Act, 1930 ... ..	Nil
Number of Houses Demolished ... ..	Nil
Number of Closing Orders made of Part of a Building under Housing Act, 1930 ... ..	Nil
Number of Notices served under Factory and Work-shops Act ... ..	2

The chief defects that have been dealt with are :—

Roofs repaired and made watertight	...	...	...	7
Eaves, gutters and downpipes repaired or renewed	...			3
Damp walls treated	...	...	...	10
Floors of living and sleeping rooms repaired	...	...		2
Plastering of walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	7
Kitchen stove repaired	...	...	...	2
New W.C. pans fitted	...	...	...	4
New soil pipe and vent shaft fixed	...	...	...	3
Flushing cisterns provided in W.C.s.	...	...	...	2
Defective paving in yards repaired	...	...	...	3
Drains cleared	...	...	...	16
Animals kept in such state as to be a nuisance	...	...		2
Accumulations of Manure removed	...	...	...	2

### **Eradication of Bed Bugs.**

Houses found to be infested :—

Council Houses, Nil.      Other Houses, 3.

These were three cases of minor infestations. Two cases were in small private houses and the third one room in the attic of a large building. Treatment was carried out by loosening the wood-work and spraying with insecticide. In one instance a loose window frame was removed and after spraying the crevices in the walls the window was repaired and refixed. These methods have given satisfactory results.

**Infectious Diseases and Infection.**

The following cases of Infectious Diseases have been notified during the year :—

Diphtheria	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Scarlet Fever	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Pneumonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Erysipelas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Whooping Cough	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
Measles	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	346
Tuberculosis	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Puerperal Pyrexia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

Twenty four patients were removed for treatment at the Bideford and District Joint Isolation Hospital

A "Manlove" Steam Disinfector is available at the Bideford and District Isolation Hospital.

Number of houses disinfected for :—

Notifiable Infectious Diseases	...	...	20
Tuberculosis	...	...	4
Other Infectious Diseases	...	...	6
Verminous conditions	...	...	21

**FACTORIES ACT, 1937.****I. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.**

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power .....	26	1	.....
Factories without mechanical power .....	12	.....	.....
Other Premises under the Act .....	2	1	.....
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>	.....

**2. Defects Found.**

Particulars	Number of Defects.			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (Section 1)	2	2	.....	Nil
Overcrowding (Section 2) .....	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Unreasonable Temperature (Section 3) .....	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation (Section 4) .....	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (Section 6) .....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
Sanitary — Insufficient .....	1	1	.....	Nil
Conveniences — (Section 7) — unsuitable or defective .....	1	1	.....	Nil
Not separate for sexes .....	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Other Offences .....	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	.....	

**RAINFALL.**

The Borough Surveyor kindly supplied the following particulars of the rainfall as recorded at Gammaton and Jennetts for the year 1945 :—

				Gammaton.	Jennetts.
January	.....	.....	.....	3.13	3.76
February	.....	.....	.....	3.16	3.71
March	.....	.....	.....	1.39	1.93
April	.....	.....	.....	1.01	1.69
May	.....	.....	.....	3.90	3.72
June	.....	.....	.....	3.09	2.74
July	.....	.....	.....	2.85	4.53
August	.....	.....	.....	1.85	2.02
September	.....	.....	.....	1.86	2.15
October	.....	.....	.....	4.30	4.31
November	.....	.....	.....	0.79	0.87
December	.....	.....	.....	6.53	7.11
				<hr/> 33.86	<hr/> 38.54
				<hr/> Inches	<hr/> Inches

## **WATER SUPPLY.**

The water supply of the town is on the "Constant System" and is obtained from two sources, namely, Gammaton Reservoir and Jennetts Reservoir.

Samples of water are submitted to the Devon County Laboratory at Dixsfield, Exeter, for chemical and bacteriological examination.

Four samples of water from the town's reservoirs were taken and submitted for examination.

All these samples were of a satisfactory degree of bacterial purity.

One sample of water was taken from a farm and submitted for bacteriological examination. This proved to be satisfactory.

## **Refuse Collection and Disposal.**

The refuse of the town is collected by means of a mechanical freighter and a Bedford lorry.

Refuse collection was carried out on  $4\frac{1}{2}$  days in the week, and Friday was devoted to the collection of salvage.

The refuse is tipped at a dump at Northam Ridge, and a man is daily employed on the dump to supervise tipping.

## **Flies.**

The refuse dump at Northam Ridge was periodically treated with "Tip Dressing" during the summer to prevent the breeding of flies and other insects.

This proved very effective as there were very few flies to be seen on the tip.

## **Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.**

Action has been taken under the above act for the destruction of Rats and Mice.

The refuse tip at Northam Ridge was periodically treated by pre-baiting and then by poisoned baits. "Cymag" gas was also used and both methods proved effective and this area is comparatively free from rats.



The salvage dump at the bottom of Bridgeland Street received constant attention, and the number of rats were kept down. Three ship rats were caught near these premises.

Eight dwelling houses which had small infestations were dealt with by baiting and trapping.

Three premises which had an invasion of mice were successfully dealt with by continual trapping.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### Public Abattoir.

The Ministry of Food took over the use of the Council's Public Abattoir in January, 1940. The slaughtering of animals, the dressing of the carcasses, the inspection of the meat and the allocation to the various butchers in the area comprising Bideford Borough, Bideford Rural District, Northam Urban District, Great Torrington Borough, and Torrington Rural District is all done at this Central Depot.

During the year 13,999 animals were slaughtered at the Public Abattoir and the inspection of the carcasses entailed a considerable amount of time, especially the examination of carcasses which were brought to the slaughter-house for "Emergency Slaughter."

The following Table A. shows the number of animals killed and the percentage of carcasses affected with :—

- (1) All diseases except tuberculosis.
- (2) Tuberculosis only.

Table "B" gives the weight of meat condemned and the cause of condemnation.

Table "C" shows the amount of "Other Foodstuffs" condemned and reason for condemnation.

In compliance with Section I of the slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, all animals that are killed in the slaughterhouse are rendered insensible to pain by means of a mechanically operated instrument.

TABLE A.

**Carcases Inspected and Condemned.**

The following Table is as suggested by the Ministry of Health.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .....	1149	622	2015	10016	197
Number inspected	1149	622	2015	10016	197
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcasses con- demned .....	10	12	16	168	12
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned .....	495	393	19	1767	35
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis .....	43.95	65.11	1.73	19.32	23.85
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses con- demned .....	41	23	3	—	11
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	154	84	—	—	7
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with Tuberculosis .....	16.97	9.34	.14	—	9.13

TABLE B.  
SUMMARY OF FOOD COMDEMNATIONS WITH CAUSE OF CONDEMNATION AND WEIGHT

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Foodstuffs Condemned.	Cause of Condemnation.	Carcases.	Pt. Carcases	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Beef .....	Tuberculosis	64	—	15	7	1	3				
Beef Offal .....	Do.	—	238	2	5	2	21				
Beef .....	Other Causes	22	—	4	16	1	27				
Beef .....	Do.	—	33	—	11	1	11				
Beef Offal .....	Do.	—	855	5	17	3	26	28	18	3	4
Veal .....	Tuberculosis	3	—	—	3	3	22				
Veal .....	Other Causes	16	—	—	8	1	1				
Veal .....	Do.	—	3	—	—	1	26				
Veal Offal .....	Do.	—	16	—	1	0	6	—	13	2	27
Pork .....	Tuberculosis	11	—	—	15	2	14				
Pork .....	Do.	—	7	—	2	0	6				
Pork .....	Other Causes	12	—	—	11	2	8				
Pork .....	Do.	—	19	—	3	3	23				
Pork Offal .....	Do.	—	16	—	1	0	15	1	14	1	10
Mutton .....	Inflammation	74	—	1	17	2	16				
Do. ....	Emaciation	32	—	—	10	3	5				
Do. ....	Pleurisy	22	—	—	15	0	5				
Do. ....	Do.	—	42	—	5	1	19				
Do. ....	Haemorrhage	13	—	—	7	1	21				
Do. ....	Do.	—	6	—	—	2	5				
Do. ....	Greenness	7	—	—	3	2	20				
Do. ....	Imperfect Bleeding	4	—	—	3	0	1				
Do. ....	Peritonitis	3	—	—	1	1	12				
Do. ....	Do.	—	1	—	—	—	22				
Do. ....	Abscess	2	—	—	1	0	18				
Do. ....	Do.	—	11	—	—	3	17				
Do. ....	Toxaemia	2	—	—	—	3	11				
Do. ....	Jaundice	2	—	—	—	3	14				
Do. ....	Septicaemia	2	—	—	—	3	14				
Do. ....	Putrefaction	2	—	—	—	3	6				
Do. ....	Rheumatism	1	—	—	—	2	12				
Do. ....	Do.	—	4	—	—	2	4				
Do. ....	Nephritis	1	—	—	—	2	0				
Do. ....	Moribund	1	—	—	1	0	8				
Do. ....	Injuries	—	16	—	1	1	27				
Do. ....	Dropsical Condition	—	7	—	—	3	1				
Do. ....	Bone Taint	—	1	—	—	—	24				
Mutton Offal .....	Distoma Hepaticum Cysts and Congestion	—	1679	4	6	3	7	9	2	2	9
								40	9	1	22



TABLE C.

## OTHER FOODSTUFFS

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED.	CAUSE OF CONDEMNATION.	Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
530 Tins of Meat ...	Tins blown or decomposition		5	23	23	0
250 Tins of Fish ...	Do.		1	3	3	5
268 Tins of vegetables ...	Do.		2	3	21	3
22 Tins of marmalade ...	Tins blown or punctured			1	4	0
16 Tins of jam ...	Do.				20	0
308 Tins of milk ...	Do.		2	1	23	14
30 Tins of Soups ...	Do.				20	0
33 Bottles of Pickles ...	Excessive mould and souring				25	4
9 Bottles of Rennett ...	Turbid appearance and disagreeable smell					
4 Packets Shredded Wheat	Dampness and mouldy				3	0
112 Packets Porridge Meal ...	Do.		1	3	2	0
30 Packets Self-raising flour	Do.			3	0	0
432 Packets Bird's Custard Powder ...	Do.				6	0
10 Tins Chocolate Powder ...	Contaminated by Parrafin Oil			1	26	0
1 Tin of Biscuits ...	Mouldy				20	0
8 Tins Cake Mixture	Tin damaged, dampness and mouldy				8	8
1 Box Meat substitute	Damp and consolidated				4	0
1 Box Sultanas ...	Rancidity			2	7	0
2 Boxes Prunes ...	Fermentation and maggots			1	2	0
2½ Boxes of Raisins ...	Excessive mildew and rotteness			1	15	0
1 Sack of Flour ...	Fermentation and mildew			2	11	0
	Contaminated by Pine disinfectant		1	0	2	0
1 Sack Soya Bean Flour	Mouldy and Weevils			1	16	12
2 Sacks Oatmeal ...	Damp and Oatmeal in lumpy condition		2	2	0	0
1 Sack Icing Sugar	Saturated with Parafin Oil			3	0	0
10 Part cases of oranges ...	Rottteness and decay		5	1	5	0
2 Part cases of Lemons ...	Do.			2	22	0
Pieces of Cheese ...	Rancidity, mould, decomposition			1	4	0
32 Fish cakes ...	Excessive mould and decomposition					
	position				8	0
6 Boxes of Fish ...	Decomposition		3	3	26	0
10 Stone of Kippers ...	Do.		1	1	0	0
28 Stone Herrings ...	Do.		3	2	0	0
Pieces of Bacon ...	Contaminated by disinfectant			2	18	0
Frozen Pork trimmings	Cartons broken, meat dirty and flabby		2	1	20	0
Frozen Boneless Pork						
Loins ...	Rancid and sour			1	13	0
Frozen Beef ...	Bone taint				14	0
Butter ...	Rancidity			1	6	0
1 Box of lard ...	Stained and discoloured			2	1	0
Butter and Lard returned to the suppliers		2	2	2	8	14





### Butchers' Shops.

The twelve butchers' shops in the town are kept in good condition and all comply with the requirements of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, in that they are provided with moveable glass fronts. The butchers' shops in the Butchers' Row are under a covered Market Place.

### Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936 and 1938.

The following Table sets out the number of dairymen who are producing Graded Milk under the above Order and are trading in the Borough

Local Authority	Grade of Milk		
	T.T.	Accredited	Pasteurised
Bideford Borough .....	3	4	1
Bideford Rural .....	2	3	.....
Barnstaple Rural .....	1	.....	.....

One licence authorising the use of the special designation "Pasteurised" is still in force.

### Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

Thirty-three samples of milk were submitted to the Devon County Council Laboratory at Dixsfield, Exeter, for bacteriological examination. The milk is classified into three Grades :—(1) Tuberculin Tested. (2) Pasteurised, and (3) Ordinary.



The following tabulated summary shows the Grade of Milk and the results of the examination.

Local Authority Name of	Number of Samples	Tuberculin Tested.		Pasteurised		Ordinary	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Bideford Borough	33	11	3	9	4	4	2

I am, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN ACKLAND



